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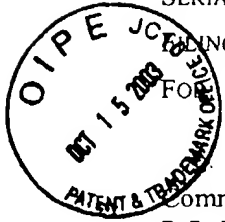
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO AUGUST 26, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the August 26, 2003 Final Office Action. Applicants are filing this Amendment and Reply within the shortened statutory period set to expire on October 26, 2003; therefore, no additional fees are due. Specifically, Applicants are filing this Reply within two-months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21509-020 DIV.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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